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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF NOVEMBER 5, 2008, AGENDA ITEM 70-A IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN FOR THE USE OF GRANULAR-ACTIVATED CARBON AND CHLORINE INTERIM RESPONSE

On November 5, 2008, your Board directed the Department of Public Works to conduct four community meetings in the Antelope Valley and Acton to present to the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts' customers available disinfection options to comply with new Federal drinking water standards for trihalomethanes and report back to your Board within 120 days.

On March 11, 2009, we reported back to your Board with a recommendation to initiate discussions with the Districts' wholesale water agency, the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK), on the use of granular-activated carbon (GAC) and chlorine to comply with the new trihalomethanes standard. Your Board approved the recommendation and directed Public Works to report back to your Board with an implementation action plan within 120 days.

Following the motion, we initiated a discussion with AVEK, and AVEK's General Manager requested MWH Consulting Engineers to prepare cost estimates and design concepts to implement GAC treatment at the AVEK's treatment plants.

We received MWH Consulting Engineers' report on June 9, 2009, and are in the process of reviewing the report and assessing the financial impacts of implementation of GAC treatment on the Districts' customers. We will complete our analysis and provide your Board with a summary of the report, the financial impacts, and implementation action steps within 30 days.

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If you have any questions in the interim, please contact me or your staff may contact Adam Ariki at (626) 300-3300 or aariki@dpw.lacounty.gov.

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